

On page 8, line 3, please replace "possibility" with --example of a tachometer--.

On page 9, line 29 and again on line 31, please replace "tubing" with --pipe--.

On page 10, line 7, please replace "tubing" with --pipe--.

In the Claims:

In Claim 1, line 49 and again on line 53, after "time" please insert --of day--.

In Claim 2, line 13, after "time" please insert --of day--.

In Claim 4, line 9, after "time" please insert --of day--.

In Claim 5, line 8, after "time" please insert --of day--.

In Claim 6, line 10, after "time" please insert --of day--.

In Claim 4, please replace "third" with --second-- throughout the claim (seven instances).

In Claim 5, please replace "fourth" with --second-- throughout the claim (four instances).

In Claim 6, lines 7 and again on line 9, please replace "fifth" with --second-- throughout the claim.

REMARKS

- Claims 1 - 6 continue to remain in the application.
- Claims 7 - 12 have been cancelled in a "Preliminary Amendment and Response to Restriction" submitted on September 14, 1999.
- Claim 1 having already been amended by a "Preliminary Amendment and Response to Restriction" of September 13, 1999, is further amended to clarify the "time reference" as provided by a clock.
- Claims 4, 5 and 6 have been amended to clarify proper dependency from Claim 1, as suggested by the Examiner.
- Claims 1 and 3 - 6 have been amended to clarify "time reference" as being a "time of day reference."

Response to Examiner's Item 9:

Claims 1, 2 and 4 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Geppert in view of Shaginian et al. The Examiner states that it would have been obvious to provide the apparatus of Geppert with a tong and a slip coupleable to a selected drive